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House Bills

HB 2502 by Representatives Grant, Walsh, Newhouse, Buck, and Kretz

Restoring economic viability by modifying smoking prohibitions and enforcement.

Provides that, if a public or private business, club, charitable bingo hall, cigar store, or hookah lounge can document an economic loss of ten percent or more of the gross revenue for thirty days, it may apply to the department of revenue for a waiver of RCW 70.160.030. If the business can show a decline of ten percent or more and the other requirements under this act are met, the waiver must be granted. The waiver may be granted for the entire building or for a section of the building such as a smoking room.

Provides that health departments may not issue fines or take other legal actions based solely on a reported violation of chapter 70.160 RCW. The health department employee must witness the violation and it must be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the business owner or

designated employee has made no attempt to comply with this chapter.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2503 by Representatives Sommers, Uptegrove, Ericks, Linville, Simpson, Green, McIntire, Hudgins, and Kagi; by request of Office of Financial Management

Creating the pension funding stabilization account.

Creates the pension funding stabilization account.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2504 by Representatives Anderson, Dunn, and Rodne

Exempting state and local governments from the payment of sales and use taxes.

Exempts state and local governments from the payment of sales and use taxes.

Repeals provisions of chapter 82.80 and 82.12 RCW.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2505** by Representatives Anderson and Rodne
Establishing standards for "highly qualified" teachers.
Designates standards for "highly qualified" teachers.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 2506** by Representatives Anderson and Rodne
Requiring adoption of the mathematics syllabus used by the Singapore ministry of education.
Declares an intent to adopt, on a statewide basis, the syllabus and curriculum framework used by primary and secondary schools in Singapore.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 2507** by Representatives Kenney, Shabro, Hasegawa, Morrell, Rodne, Lantz, and Ormsby
Prohibiting false or misleading college degrees.
Provides that no person may knowingly offer or grant a false or misleading degree or other document that purports to confer a degree that is false or misleading.
Declares that, for purposes of this act, a degree or other document that purports to confer a degree is false or misleading if it states or suggests that the person named in the degree or document has completed the requirements of an academic or professional program of study in a particular field beyond the secondary level, but the person in fact has not completed the requirements of such a program of study.
Provides that any person or entity that willfully violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation. The penalty may be imposed by the board or by any court of competent jurisdiction.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Higher Ed & Workforce Ed.
- HB 2508** by Representatives Chandler and Newhouse
Requiring reports on tribal community impact contributions.
Requires that, beginning February 1, 2007, and each February 1st thereafter, the governor must report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on tribal community impact contributions made pursuant to class III gaming compacts entered into under RCW 9.46.360. The report must include, at a minimum, the amount of funds contributed, the distribution of those amounts, and an analysis of compliance with compact provisions requiring such contributions, including a description of methods used to verify compliance.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2509** by Representatives Takko, Morrell, and Simpson
Requiring fiscal information in local tax ballot measure titles.
Requires that, if the ballot is a request for ad valorem taxing authority, the ballot title must also contain an amount set forth in terms of dollars on the ballot of the proposition to be submitted to the voters, together with an estimate of the dollar rate of tax levy that will be required to produce the dollar amount.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2510** by Representatives Priest, Morrell, B. Sullivan, and Rodne
Encouraging early settlement offers in health care actions.
Encourages early settlement offers in health care actions.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 2511** by Representatives Nixon, Dunn, Condotta, and Rodne
Stating that discussions on radio talk shows are not considered campaign contributions.
Declares that a discussion, comment, remark, statement, observation, assertion, declaration, announcement, judgment, or other thought, sentiment, view, opinion, idea, or belief regarding a subject that is: (1) Of primary interest to the general public;
(2) Expressed as part of a television or radio talk show that is controlled by a person whose business is that television or radio talk show; and
(3) Not a television or talk radio show controlled by a candidate or a political committee, is not a campaign contribution.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.
- HB 2512** by Representatives Nixon, Rodne, and Talcott
Describing when special absentee ballots may not be counted.
Provides that a special absentee ballot of an overseas voter or a service voter may not be counted: (1) In the case of a ballot submitted by an overseas voter who is not a service voter, if the ballot is submitted from any location in the United States;
(2) If the application of the overseas voter or service voter does not include the overseas voter or service voter's name, complete residence address, date of birth, and a signature attesting to the truth of the information provided on the application;
(3) If the application of the overseas voter or service voter for a regular absentee ballot is received by the county auditor after the later date of: (a) The deadline for receipt of such application; or (b) the date that is thirty days before the general or special election; or

(4) If a regular absentee ballot of an overseas voter or service voter is received by the county auditor by the deadline for receipt of other absentee ballots under this chapter and chapter 29A.60 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2513 by Representatives Nixon and Rodne

Modifying county auditor duties.

Amends RCW 29A.04.216 relating to county auditor duties.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2514 by Representatives Nixon, Rodne, Moeller, and Talcott

Ensuring that cities, towns, and districts do not have to pay revote costs due to county error.

Provides that cities, towns, and districts do not have to pay revote costs due to county error.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2515 by Representative Nixon

Changing public records provisions.

Declares that the following are exempt from public inspection and copying: (1) Records reflecting communications relevant to a controversy transmitted in confidence between a public official or employee of a public agency acting in the performance of his or her duties and an attorney serving in the capacity of legal advisor for the purpose of rendering or obtaining legal advice relevant to a controversy, and records prepared by the attorney in furtherance of the rendition of legal advice relevant to a controversy. Records relevant to a controversy shall be as narrowly construed as those relating to completed, existing, or reasonably anticipated litigation.

(2) Records are not exempt from disclosure under this provision merely because they reflect communications in meetings where legal counsel was present or because a record or copy of a record was provided to legal counsel.

(3) This provision governs exemption of records from the provisions of this act based on the attorney-client privilege as applied to public agencies and public officials in their official capacities, and no broader exemption may be invoked under RCW 5.60.060(2).

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2516 by Representatives Nixon and Rodne

Changing public records provisions.

Provides that by February 1, 2007, the attorney general shall adopt by rule a model rule for state and local agencies

addressing the following subjects: (1) Providing assistance to requesters;

(2) Indexing public records;

(3) Fulfilling large requests in a timely manner;

(4) Fulfilling requests for electronic records; and

(5) Any other issues pertaining to public disclosure as determined by the attorney general.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2517 by Representatives Cody, Conway, Chase, Morrell, Appleton, Green, Wood, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Ormsby, Miloscia, Dickerson, Kenney, Moeller, McDermott, Sells, Hunt, Williams, Simpson, Roberts, Schual-Berke, Lantz, McIntire, and Kagi

Establishing minimum labor standards for certain large employers as related to health care services expenditures.

Declares an intent to set minimum labor standards for some large employers in Washington state with respect to health benefit expenditures, and to further the state's interest in ensuring that its residents have access to appropriate health care services. Ensuring that employers do not eliminate employer-paid health care is important for minimizing the burden on taxpayers and the public health system, and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of Washington state.

Declares it is not the intent of the legislature to influence the establishment, content, or administration of employee benefit plans. The legislature is neutral as to whether employers covered under this chapter choose to meet the minimum expenditure standard by providing or reimbursing the costs of health care services for their employees or paying to the state the difference between the minimum expenditure and their actual expenditures.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2518 by Representatives Nixon, Dunn, Rodne, and Talcott

Providing for a special election if an election is declared void.

Provides that, if an election is rendered void under RCW 29A.68.120, a special election must be held between the candidates who were on the ballot for that election. The special election must be held on a date provided for in RCW 29A.04.321 as determined by the official empowered by state law to issue the original certificate of election.

Provides that, if the election rendered void is a general election and the special election cannot be held before the beginning of the term of the contested office, the office must be temporarily filled until the special election is held and the results are certified. The office will be filled according to RCW 29A.60.221 with the top two vote getters, without regard to illegal votes, participating in the lot procedure as if they had tied in the election.

Provides that, if the election rendered void is a primary election, the candidate to be declared nominated and placed on the general election ballot will be determined according to RCW 29A.60.221 with the top two vote getters, without

regard to illegal votes, participating in the lot procedure as if they had tied in the election.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2519 by Representatives Nixon, Roberts, and Talcott
Expanding the continuity of government act.

Establishes a legislative task force to study and prepare recommendations related to the legislature's ability to convene by teleconference or other means in the event of an attack or extraordinary disaster.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the senate facilities and operations committee, the house of representatives executive rules committee, and other appropriate committees of the legislature by October 1, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2520 by Representative Nixon

Recodifying and making technical corrections to public disclosure law.

Recodifies and makes technical corrections to public disclosure law.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2521 by Representatives Nixon and Simpson

Expanding the guidelines for identification documents.

Finds that: (1) The right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by Article 1, section 7 of the Washington state Constitution and by the United States Constitution. All individuals have a right of privacy in information pertaining to them.

(2) Easy access to the information found on drivers' licenses and other similar identification documents facilitates the crime of identity theft, a crime that is a major concern in Washington.

(3) Washington has previously recognized the importance of protecting the confidentiality and privacy of an individual's personal information contained in identification documents such as drivers' licenses.

(4) The inclusion in identification documents of contactless integrated circuits or other devices that broadcast data or enable data to be scanned secretly and remotely will greatly magnify the potential risk to individual privacy, safety, and economic well-being that can occur from unauthorized interception and use of personal information. The inclusion of those devices will also make it possible for any person or entity with access to a reader to engage in the secret tracking of Washingtonians on an unprecedented scale.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2522 by Representatives Nixon and Ericks

Regarding disclosure of certain investigations and complaints against public school employees.

Provides that all documented information maintained by a public school district relating to complaints against or investigations of any school district employee for alleged or actual sexual abuse, harassment, physical abuse, or any other allegation of misconduct involving a student, is subject to disclosure, except as follows: Names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and any other information that would reasonably lead to the identification of the victims or witnesses named in the documented information must be redacted before disclosure.

Declares that, as used in this act, documented information includes correspondence, writing, notes, statements, and records of school board or other administrative action considered or taken, regardless of physical form or characteristics.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2523 by Representatives Nixon, Anderson, Rodne, and Talcott

Auditing the signature verification process in elections.

Provides that, during the signature verification process, the county auditor must conduct random audits of verified signatures on batches of ballots for quality control purposes.

(1) The random audits must be performed: (a) Before the outer envelope of a ballot is opened; (b) on at least five percent of the total ballots cast; and (c) by any qualified person other than the initial signature verifier, including an employee of the county auditor or an authorized independent auditor.

(2) A record of each audit performed must be made, and must include the date of the audit, the name of the auditor, and the audit results. Political party representatives must be offered an opportunity to observe and be present at the time an audit is conducted.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2524 by Representatives Nixon, Rodne, and Talcott

Regarding performance and outcome measure reviews.

Revises provisions regarding performance and outcome measure reviews.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2525 by Representatives Nixon and Talcott

Modifying special election dates.

Revises special election dates.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2526 by Representatives Nixon, Anderson, and Talcott

Modifying voter challenge procedures.
Revises voter challenge procedures.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2527 by Representatives Nixon and Talcott

Modifying the state employee return-to-work program.

Directs each agency to allow state employees, called to active duty with any branch of the United States military, to return to work with credit for the periodic increment date for that time served on active military duty. For purposes of this provision, "periodic increment date" has the same meaning as defined in WAC 357-28-050 as it exists on the effective date of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2528 by Representatives Nixon, Dunn, McCune, and Talcott

Clarifying the circumstances under which provisional ballots may be counted.

Clarifies the circumstances under which provisional ballots may be counted.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2529 by Representatives Nixon and McCune

Describing use of nontraditional addresses for voter registration purposes.

Provides that, at least annually, the secretary of state shall search the residential addresses of all voter registration records in the voter registration data base for major public building addresses throughout the state. For purposes of this subsection, "major public buildings" includes city, county, state, and federal administrative buildings, courthouses, and police stations.

Requires that, for each search result, the secretary of state shall determine whether the voter is properly registered at the major public building under a lawful program that permits the voter to use a nontraditional address as his or her residential address, such as the address confidentiality program as defined in chapter 40.24 RCW.

Provides that if it appears that the voter has improperly listed a public building as a residence for purposes of voter registration, the secretary of state shall send notice by certified mail to the voter of the apparent improper residential address. The notice shall provide that the voter

must respond within thirty days of the date of the notice by providing the secretary of state with: (1) The voter's actual residential address; or

(2) Evidence that he or she is properly registered at the major public building. The notice shall also advise the voter of the penalties for providing false information on an application for voter registration.

Provides that, if the voter fails to respond within thirty days to the secretary of state's satisfaction, the secretary of state shall forward a copy of all relevant information to the prosecuting authorities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2530 by Representative Nixon

Changing disclosure provisions for motor vehicle accidents.

Provides that, upon the request of a noninterested party, any authorized officer shall disclose only the vehicle license plate numbers and descriptions of vehicles involved, and the date, time, and location of the accident. Personal information included in all such reports may not be disclosed to a noninterested party.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2531 by Representatives Nixon, Dunn, and Talcott

Enhancing guidelines for the signature verification process in elections.

Enhances guidelines for the signature verification process in elections.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2532 by Representative Nixon

Providing for election audits.

Revises procedures providing for election audits.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2533 by Representative Nixon

Modifying provisions relating to sexual misconduct with a minor.

Revises provisions relating to sexual misconduct with a minor.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2534 by Representatives Nixon, Rodne, and Woods

Requiring full disclosure of vehicle taxes and license fees.

Provides that each application shall, in addition to the total amount due, itemize the amount of each license fee and excise tax due and indicate for each, which jurisdiction imposed the tax or fee, and whether the tax or fee is voter approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2535 by Representatives Darneille, Green, Roberts, and Conway

Allowing public facilities districts to finance remodeling or reconstruction of existing minor league baseball stadiums and related parking facilities.

Authorizes public facilities districts to finance remodeling or reconstruction of existing minor league baseball stadiums and related parking facilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2536 by Representatives Conway, McCoy, Condotta, Simpson, and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Allowing an injured worker to change total permanent disability pension options under certain circumstances.

Provides that, if the worker's nominated beneficiary is the worker's spouse, and the worker and spouse enter into a dissolution of marriage after the nomination has been made, the worker may apply to receive benefits as calculated under Option I. This change is effective the date of the decree of dissolution of marriage, but no more than one year prior to the date application for the change is received in the department, provided the worker submits legally certified documentation of the decree of dissolution of marriage.

Provides that, if the worker's nominated beneficiary dies, the worker may apply to receive benefits as calculated under Option I. This change is effective the date of death, but no more than one year prior to the date application for the change is received in the department, provided the worker submits a certified copy of the death certificate.

Declares that the change in benefits authorized by this act is a one-time adjustment and will be permanent for the life of the worker.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2537 by Representatives Conway, Condotta, McCoy, Hudgins, and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Establishing a pilot program to allow employers to assist employees in completing applications for industrial insurance benefits.

Provides that, by January 1, 2007, the department shall develop and begin a pilot program to allow employers to assist workers in completing an application for benefits. This pilot program does not replace the current method for reporting through the physician. The pilot program shall include the voluntary participation of employers that represent a cross-section of industries, geographic areas,

union and nonunion workers, and other criteria established by the department with input of business and labor leaders. During the pilot period, the department shall continue to expand the participation of employers and shall consider steps to address the unique needs and issues of small employers. The pilot program expires July 1, 2009.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2538 by Representatives Conway, Hudgins, and McCoy; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Authorizing the department to request and superior court to grant warrants pursuant to chapter 49.17 RCW.

Requires that inspections performed under the Washington industrial safety and health act ensure safe and healthful working conditions for every person working in the state of Washington. Inspections must follow the mandates of Article II, section 35 of the state Constitution, and equal or exceed the requirements prescribed by the occupational safety and health act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590). The legislature also intends that the inspections comply with the fourth and fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, section 7 of the state Constitution.

Provides that if the director or his or her authorized representative is denied or reasonably believes that he or she will be denied access to any factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, workplace, or environment where work is performed by an employee of an employer, to which such access was sought for the purposes set forth in this chapter, the director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for a search warrant authorizing access to the facility. The court may upon such application issue a search warrant for the purpose requested.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2539 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Morrell, Simpson, Roberts, Moeller, and Hudgins

Concerning disaster medical assistance teams.

Declares that a "disaster medical assistance team" means a volunteer team of professional and paraprofessional medical personnel and logistical and administration personnel designed to provide medical care during a disaster or other event and who have formed a response team under the guidance of the national disaster medical system.

Provides that a member of a disaster medical assistance team called into state service shall be afforded all the protections as an employee of the state and shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of workers' compensation and death benefits, if the member: (1) Registers with and receives approval to serve on a disaster medical assistance team from the military department; and

(2) Provides direct medical care to a victim of a disaster or provides other support services during a disaster.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2540 by Representatives Schual-Berke and Morrell
Revising provisions addressing access to individual health insurance coverage.

Revises provisions addressing access to individual health insurance coverage.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2541 by Representative Schual-Berke

Regarding the release of student information.

Declares an intent that a school district, in adopting a policy pursuant to this act, not purposefully exclude any military recruiter from access to information. It is further the intent of the legislature, in the interest of student confidentiality, that school districts minimize the release of student telephone numbers and other directory information in the absence of express parental consent. The legislature finds that the nondisclosure of student telephone numbers and other directory information reduces the possibility of harassment of students and their families by organizations that receive student directory information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2542 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Moeller, Morrell, Appleton, Ericks, and Green

Requiring the development of performance measures for emergency preparedness.

Requires the secretary to: (1) By December 1, 2006, develop a limited set of key performance measures for emergency preparedness and protection from communicable disease. The performance measures must provide a means to assess operations of the department and each local health jurisdiction with respect to providing an adequate and consistent level of statewide protection for the residents of the state in the event of an emergency that threatens public health or an outbreak of communicable disease.

(2) Develop a process for assessing the compliance of the department and each local health jurisdiction with the performance measures developed under this act at least biannually;

(3) Determine timely and appropriate remedial measures as provided in this act for any local health jurisdiction found not to be in substantial compliance with the performance measures developed under this act;

(4) Review spending plans submitted by local health jurisdictions under this act for meeting performance measures developed under this act; and

(5) Notify the governor immediately when funds for local health jurisdictions are inadequate for jurisdictions to maintain substantial compliance with the performance measures developed under this act.

Appropriates the sum of twenty million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of health for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2543 by Representatives Kilmer, Crouse, Nixon, Hudgins, Morrell, Green, and Lantz; by request of Military Department

Making permanent the enhanced 911 advisory committee.
Makes permanent the enhanced 911 advisory committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2544 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Jarrett, Green, Dunshee, Upthegrove, McCoy, Ericks, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Lantz, Ormsby, Springer, Kilmer, and Kagi; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

Authorizing project loans recommended by the public works board.

Authorizes project loans recommended by the public works board.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2545 by Representatives Haigh, Nixon, Conway, Morrell, Bailey, McCoy, Green, Springer, McCune, Kilmer, and P. Sullivan

Revising veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

Revises veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2546 by Representatives Haigh, Nixon, Conway, Morrell, Bailey, Campbell, McCoy, Green, Rodne, Springer, McCune, Kilmer, Moeller, and P. Sullivan

Concerning the definition of veteran.

Revises the definition of veteran.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2547 by Representatives Nixon, Anderson, B. Sullivan, and Rodne

Making certain violations of the open public meetings act gross misdemeanors.

Makes certain violations of the open public meetings act gross misdemeanors.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

- HB 2548** by Representatives Nixon and Rodne
Enhancing penalties for violations of the public records act.
Enhances penalties for violations of the public records act.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.
- HB 2549** by Representatives Nixon and Talcott
Modifying provisions on reporting of election returns by precinct.
Revises provisions on reporting of election returns by precinct.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.
- HB 2550** by Representatives Dunshee, Jarrett, Ormsby, Newhouse, Ericks, Cox, Linville, and Springer
Amending provisions of the 2005-2007 capital budget.
Amends provisions of the 2005-2007 capital budget.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.
- HB 2551** by Representative Dunshee
Regulating campaign contributions by limited liability companies.
Provides that two or more limited liability companies are treated as a single entity for contribution purposes if one of the two or more entities is participating in an election campaign or making contributions and two or more members of the entities are the same person.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.
- HB 2552** by Representative Sommers; by request of Governor Gregoire
Making 2006 supplemental operating appropriations.
Makes 2006 supplemental operating appropriations.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 2553** by Representatives Kirby and Morrell; by request of Insurance Commissioner
Regulating service contracts and guarantee protection products.
Establishes provisions regulating service contracts and guarantee protection products.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- HB 2554** by Representatives Hinkle, Dunn, Anderson, Talcott, McDonald, Serben, B. Sullivan, Cody, and Rodne
Improving the quality of health care through the use of health information technologies.
Improves the quality of health care through the use of health information technologies.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.
- HB 2555** by Representatives Hinkle, Condotta, Talcott, McDonald, Serben, Rodne, and Holmquist
Concerning the offering of health insurance.
Declares that, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, an insurer offering any health benefit plan to a small employer may offer small group health benefit plans that qualify as insurance coverage combined with a health savings account as defined by the United States internal revenue service.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.
- HB 2556** by Representatives Hinkle, Condotta, Talcott, Serben, and Rodne
Directing the department of social and health services to request a waiver to create a consumer-directed medicaid coverage plan.
Finds that there is a significant disconnect in the state's medicaid program between recipients and those delivering and paying for their care. Medicaid recipients are not empowered to make decisions regarding their own health care needs. Nor are there incentives for medicaid recipients to be prudent purchasers of health care. The legislature further finds that eight hundred fifty-four thousand individuals or fourteen percent of the state population are enrolled in the state's medical assistance program. State spending for health care within the state's medical assistance program has grown by one hundred thirty-nine percent in the past ten years, and has risen from 6.5 percent of state spending in 1994 to 13.4 percent in 2007. This rate of growth is unsustainable and jeopardizes the state's ability to meet funding needs in such areas of budget priority as K-12 education, higher education, public safety, and employee compensation.
Finds that significant reforms must be made to the medical assistance program to control the program's growth in order to ensure its preservation as a vital safety net for the needy and vulnerable in our state. Marketplace principles and marketplace mechanisms must be introduced to the medical assistance program to encourage recipients to be active participants in their health care.
Directs the department of social and health services to submit a waiver request to the center for medicaid and medicare services under section 1115 of the social security act to initiate a waiver research and demonstration project. The waiver request shall create a consumer-directed medicaid coverage plan that includes personal health accounts and personal health incentives and provides for consumer choice.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2557 by Representatives Condotta, Hinkle, Talcott, McDonald, Serben, Linville, Rodne, and Holmquist

Requiring the public employees' benefits board to develop a health savings account option for employees.

Requires the board to develop a health savings account option for employees that conform to section 223, Part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the internal revenue code of 1986. The board shall comply with all applicable federal standards related to the establishment of health savings accounts.

Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of chapter 41.05 RCW, the board shall develop a high deductible health plan to be offered in conjunction with a health savings account developed under this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2558 by Representatives Pettigrew, Kretz, and Linville; by request of Department of Agriculture

Regulating the disposal of dead animals.

Requires every person owning or having in charge any livestock that has died because of disease shall dispose of the carcass within a time frame and in a manner prescribed in rule by the director, which may include, but is not limited to, burial, composting, incinerating, landfilling, natural decomposition, or rendering. Any livestock found dead from an unknown cause is presumed to have died because of disease.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2559 by Representatives Hasegawa, Pettigrew, and Linville; by request of Department of Agriculture

Changing the registration fees for weighing and measuring devices.

Revises the registration fees for weighing and measuring devices.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2560 by Representatives Conway, Wood, Condotta, Fromhold, and P. Sullivan; by request of Liquor Control Board

Changing the formula cap on spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

Revises the formula cap on spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2561 by Representatives Conway, Wood, Kessler, Hunter, Simpson, Fromhold, and Condotta; by request of Liquor Control Board

Modifying requirements for the direct shipment of wine to Washington state consumers.

Provides that the holder of a license to manufacture wine issued by this state or another state may ship its wine to a person who is a resident of Washington and is twenty-one years of age or older for that person's personal use and not for resale.

Requires that, before wine may be shipped by a domestic winery or an out-of-state winery to a person who is a resident of Washington, the winery must: (1) Obtain a wine shipper's permit under procedures prescribed by the board by rule and pay a fee established by the board, if the winery is located outside the state; or

(2) Be licensed as a domestic winery by the board and have paid the annual license fee.

Repeals RCW 66.12.190, 66.12.200, 66.12.210, and 66.12.220.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2562 by Representatives Wood, Conway, Fromhold, and Condotta; by request of Liquor Control Board

Regulating flavored malt beverage.

Establishes requirements for regulating flavored malt beverage.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2563 by Representatives Wood, Conway, Fromhold, and Condotta; by request of Liquor Control Board

Concerning the processing of liquor licenses.

Establishes provisions regarding the processing of liquor licenses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2564 by Representatives Kilmer, Strow, Wallace, Appleton, Morrell, Haler, Eickmeyer, Haigh, Campbell, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, McCoy, Ericks, Linville, Darneille, Green, Lantz, Ormsby, Woods, Moeller, and Conway

Including persons with veteran or military status within antidiscrimination provisions.

Includes persons with veteran or military status within antidiscrimination provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2565 by Representatives Kilmer, Haler, Wallace, Strow, Clibborn, Morrell, McCoy, Appleton, Ericks, Linville, Simpson, Green, and Springer

Modifying the worker training business and occupation tax credit.

Revises the worker training business and occupation tax credit.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2566 by Representatives Kilmer, Haler, Morrell, Linville, Green, Ormsby, Wallace, Upthegrove, McCoy, Ericks, Simpson, Roberts, and Springer

Authorizing job skills program grants to businesses assisting Washington manufacturers.

Declares that a "Washington manufacturing competitiveness corporation" means a private, nonprofit corporation, incorporated in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW, that has the mission to operate a modernization extension system, coordinate a network of public and private modernization resources, and stimulate the competitiveness of small and midsize manufacturers in Washington.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the state board for community and technical colleges for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Higher Ed & Workforce Ed.

HB 2567 by Representatives Wallace, Ericks, Morrell, Kilmer, Lovick, Campbell, Green, Lantz, Springer, and Moeller

Providing provisions for methamphetamine precursors.

Provides that any person who knowingly purchases in a thirty-day period or possesses any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or more than two pounds of methylsulfonylmethane is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, except as provided in this act.

Provides that any person who purchases any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or any quantity of methylsulfonylmethane must present an identification card or driver's license issued by any state in the United States or jurisdiction of another country before purchasing the item.

Directs the Washington state patrol to develop a form to be used in recording transactions involving iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or methylsulfonylmethane. A person who sells or otherwise transfers any quantity of iodine in its elemental form, an iodine matrix, or any quantity of methylsulfonylmethane to a person for any purpose authorized in this act must record each sale or transfer. The record must be made on the form developed by the Washington state patrol and must be retained by the person for at least three years. The Washington state patrol or any local law enforcement agency may request access to the records. Failure to make or retain a record required under this act is a misdemeanor.

Failure to comply with a request for access to records required under this subsection to the Washington state patrol or a local law enforcement agency is a misdemeanor.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2568 by Representatives Morrell, Campbell, Williams, Wallace, Roberts, and Appleton

Providing restrictions for the use of wireless communication devices by holders of instruction permits and intermediate licenses.

Provides that the holder of an intermediate license may not operate a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device unless the holder is using the device to:

- (1) Report illegal activity;
- (2) Summon medical or other emergency help; or
- (3) Prevent injury to a person or property.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2569 by Representatives Morrell, Roach, Campbell, Williams, Kilmer, Clibborn, Conway, Blake, Eickmeyer, Flannigan, Wallace, Roberts, Upthegrove, McCoy, McDonald, Green, Dickerson, Lantz, and Springer

Lowering the interest rate for the property tax deferral program.

Lowers the interest rate for the property tax deferral program from eight to five percent.

Declares that this act only applies to property tax deferrals granted under RCW 84.38.040 after the effective date of this act for taxes levied for collection in 2007 and thereafter.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2570 by Representatives Morrell, Campbell, Green, Conway, Sells, Chase, Cody, Williams, Kilmer, Wallace, Clibborn, Flannigan, Roberts, Lovick, Hasegawa, Darneille, O'Brien, Murray, Hunt, Schual-Berke, Lantz, Moeller, and Kagi

Prohibiting tobacco product sampling.

Declares an intent to protect minors from the influence of tobacco sampling by eliminating the distribution of samples in this state.

Repeals RCW 70.155.060 and 82.24.270.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2571 by Representatives Morrell, Cody, Conway, Blake, Eickmeyer, Wallace, Flannigan, Roberts, and Hasegawa

Collecting health care services debt under the homestead exemption.

Provides that, where the homestead is subject to execution, attachment, or seizure by or under any legal process whatever to satisfy a judgment in favor of any judgment creditor to pay for health care services, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, in which event the dollar limit on the

value of the exemption shall be the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars in the case of lands, mobile home, and improvements, or the sum of fifty thousand dollars in the case of other personal property described in RCW 6.13.010.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2572 by Representatives Morrell, Clibborn, Green, Flannigan, Eickmeyer, Conway, Dickerson, Blake, Cody, Wallace, Roberts, Appleton, Hasegawa, McCoy, Linville, Simpson, Chase, Darneille, O'Brien, Murray, B. Sullivan, Ormsby, Springer, Moeller, and Kagi
Establishing the small employer health insurance partnership program.

Declares an intent through establishment of a small employer health insurance partnership program, to remove economic barriers to health insurance coverage for low-wage employees of small employers by building on the private sector health benefit plan system and encouraging employer and employee participation in employer-sponsored health benefit plan coverage.

Requires the administrator to report biennially to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the legislature on the effectiveness and efficiency of the small employer health insurance partnership program, including the services and benefits covered under the purchased health benefit plans, consumer satisfaction, and other program operational issues.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the health services account to the health care authority for the small employer health insurance partnership program.

Provides that, contingent upon the appropriation of funds under this act, the sum of eighteen million three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the health services account to the health care authority to fund additional subsidized enrollment of up to ten thousand enrollees in the basic health plan.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2573 by Representatives Morrell, Wallace, Clibborn, Cody, Flannigan, Simpson, Green, Ormsby, Springer, Kilmer, Moeller, Kagi, and Conway; by request of Governor Gregoire

Adopting health information technology to improve quality of care.

Recognizes that improvements in the quality of health care lead to better health care outcomes for the residents of Washington state and contain health care costs. The improvements are facilitated by the adoption of electronic medical records and other health information technologies.

Declares an intent to encourage all hospitals in the state of Washington to adopt health information technologies by the year 2012.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2574 by Representatives Cody, Morrell, Green, and Upthegrove

Regarding hospital charity care and debt collection.

Requires each hospital to provide notice to patients of its charity care policies. At a minimum, each hospital must post in locations easily accessible to and visible by patients, and include in each bill sent to patients, a notice regarding the opportunity to apply for charity care. The notice must use clear language that would be easily understood by individuals with limited education.

Provides that, upon a determination by a hospital that a person is eligible for a sliding fee schedule discount under RCW 70.170.060, the hospital shall offer that person the option to pay his or her bill in reasonable installments that take into account the person's income and other financial obligations.

Requires that, before contracting with any entity to act as a hospital's designated agent, assignee, or contractor for collection of its accounts receivable, or to purchase its accounts receivable, the hospital's governing board must have notice of, and affirmatively approve, the debt collection practices of the entity.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2575 by Representatives Cody, Morrell, and Moeller; by request of Governor Gregoire

Establishing a health technology assessment program.

Declares an intent to support the establishment by the state of an evidence-based health technology assessment program that: (1) Conducts systematic reviews of scientific and medical literature to identify safe, efficacious, and cost-effective treatments;

(2) Provides for the establishment of a statewide health technology clinical advisory committee;

(3) Provides for the establishment of an evidence-based health technology assessment center;

(4) Develops methods and processes to track health outcomes across state agencies; and

(5) Provides clear and transparent access to the scientific basis of coverage decisions and treatment guidelines developed under this program.

Establishes an evidence-based health technology assessment center to: (1) Conduct systematic reviews of the scientific literature regarding safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness; and

(2) Assess the adequacy and quality of systematic reviews undertaken by other national or internationally recognized health technology assessment programs using systematic review methods substantially similar to those developed by the health technology assessment program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2576 by Representatives Williams, Green, O'Brien, Kirby, Hunt, Ericks, Simpson, Lovick, McCoy, Lantz, Ormsby, Springer, and Conway

Creating sexual assault protection orders.

Provides that a petition for a sexual assault protection order may be filed by a person: (1) Who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual

penetration, including a single incident of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; or

(2) On behalf of any of the following persons who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration: (a) A minor child; (b) a vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020; or (c) any other adult who, because of age, disability, health, or inaccessibility, cannot file the petition.

Declares that any person may seek relief under this act by filing a petition with a court alleging that the person has been the victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration committed by the respondent.

Provides that there shall exist an action known as a petition for a sexual assault protection order.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2577 by Representatives Upthegrove, Green, Appleton, Halder, Morrell, Clibborn, Hunt, Hudgins, Takko, and Moeller

Modifying vehicle dealer unlawful act provisions.

Revises vehicle dealer unlawful act provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2578 by Representatives Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, and Dickerson

Evaluating point source outfalls in Puget Sound.

Requires the department of ecology, in cooperation with the department of health, the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, and representatives from affected stakeholders, including, but not limited to, environmental interests, shellfish growers, and organizations representing both public and private outfalls, to conduct a systematic evaluation of point source outfalls in Puget Sound and their impact on shellfish by December 1, 2006.

Requires the evaluation to: (1) Identify all point source outfalls in Puget Sound in relation to shellfish growing areas;

(2) Estimate the shellfish areas closed due to outfalls, including an estimate of the impact on commercial shellfish harvests;

(3) Determine options for altering the outfall to increase shellfish areas available for harvest; and

(4) Prioritize projects based on the costs of making improvements in relation to the economic and environmental benefits of the project.

Requires the department of ecology, in cooperation with the department of health, the department of natural resources, and the department of fish and wildlife, and affected stakeholders to develop recommendations and report findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature for funding options to implement projects identified in this act by December 1, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2579 by Representatives Upthegrove, Lantz, Dickerson, Appleton, Morrell, Hasegawa, Quall, Hunter, Halder, O'Brien, Murray, Hunt, Schual-Berke, Ormsby, Springer, and Moeller

Requiring classroom-based civics assessments.

Finds that effective and accountable democratic government depends upon an informed and engaged citizenry, and therefore, students should learn their rights and responsibilities as citizens, where those rights and responsibilities come from, and how to exercise them.

Provides that, beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall require students in the fourth or fifth grades, the seventh or eighth grades, and the eleventh or twelfth grades to each complete at least one classroom-based assessment in civics. The civics assessment shall be selected from a list of classroom-based assessments approved by the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall annually submit implementation verification reports to the office of the superintendent of public instruction documenting the use of the classroom-based assessments in civics.

Appropriates the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2580 by Representatives Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, P. Sullivan, Simpson, and McCune

Providing excise tax relief for persons that process canned salmon.

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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2581 by Representatives Upthegrove, Appleton, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Quall, Halder, Simpson, Hunt, Lantz, Dickerson, Ormsby, Kilmer, Kenney, and Conway

Creating a competitive grant program to increase parent and community involvement in diverse communities.

Declares an intent to dedicate new funding to support and replicate successful parent and community involvement models within diverse student populations.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to administer a competitive grant program designed to increase parent and community involvement efforts within diverse communities.

Requires grant recipients to submit a report at the end of the year to the office of the superintendent of public instruction with quantitative and qualitative data that demonstrate increased participation of families in schools and institutional change in the schools as a result of the program. The report shall also include a summary of the program, best practices, challenges, and benefits. The superintendent shall make the reports available to other interested schools and districts.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2582 by Representatives Upthegrove, Hunter, Appleton, Hasegawa, Quall, Clibborn, Simpson, Green, Ormsby, Kenney, Hudgins, and Kagi

Expanding high school completion programs.

Finds that the state's commitment to providing a basic education for all public school students under the age of twenty-one should continue until a student earns a diploma. Therefore the legislature intends to expand high school completion programs at community and technical colleges for older students who have not yet received a diploma but are eligible for state basic education support.

Provides that, in accordance with this act, each community or technical college shall make available courses or a program of study designed to enable students under the age of twenty-one who have completed all state high school graduation requirements except the certificate of academic achievement or certificate of individual achievement to complete their high school education and obtain a high school diploma.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2583 by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Conway, Hasegawa, Roberts, Appleton, Upthegrove, Morrell, Linville, Hunt, Dickerson, and Ormsby

Regarding community and technical college part-time academic employee health benefits.

Declares an intent to provide and maintain a consistent delivery of health benefits to part-time academic employees who have established an ongoing employment relationship with the colleges and to prevent unnecessary and harmful lapses in health benefits coverage. To this end, the legislature intends to establish an additional eligibility status to average academic workload over an academic year, rather than in each quarter. This is not intended to alter the continued eligibility of those who continue to maintain half-time or more in each quarter.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Higher Ed & Workforce Ed.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4028 by Representatives Nixon, Simpson, Moeller, Darneille, Roberts, Cody, Springer, and

Requesting Congress to allow states to decide whether marijuana should be used legally for medicinal purposes.

Requests that Congress amend federal drug laws to allow the states to decide for themselves whether to allow marijuana to be used for medical purposes so long as it is for personal, medicinal use only and is not bought, sold, or transferred for interstate commerce.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HJM 4029 by Representatives Nixon, Appleton, Upthegrove, Morrell, Williams, Simpson, and Moeller

Calling on the President and Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

Calls on the President and Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HJM 4030 by Representative Nixon

Petitioning Congress to reject a section of the Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Drug Development Act of 2005.

Requests that the United States Congress reject section 3(f) of S. 1873, the Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Drug Development Act of 2005, which provides that information that relates to the activities, working groups, and advisory boards of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Agency (the "BARDA") shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act unless the Secretary or Director determines such disclosure would not pose a threat to national security; and that any decision of the Secretary or Director regarding the disclosure of information would not be subject to judicial review.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4215 by Representatives Nixon and Talcott

Allowing the legislature to prescribe an effective date earlier than ninety days.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution allowing the legislature to prescribe an effective date earlier than ninety days.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HJR 4216 by Representatives Nixon, Ericksen, Dunn, Anderson, Rodne, Woods, McCune, Holmquist, and Talcott

Requiring a two-thirds vote on emergency clauses.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require a two-thirds vote on emergency clauses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

Senate Bills

SB 6244 by Senators Rockefeller, Morton, Poulsen, Fairley, Kline, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Spanel; by request of Department of Ecology

Changing provisions relating to oil spill prevention, preparedness, and response.

Requires that the department shall by rule adopt procedures to determine the adequacy of contingency plans approved under RCW 88.46.060. The rules shall require random practice drills without prior notice that will test the adequacy of the responding entities. The rules may provide for unannounced practice drills of individual contingency plans. The department shall review and publish a report on the drills, including an assessment of response time and available equipment and personnel compared to those listed in the contingency plans relying on the responding entities, and requirements, if any, for changes in the plans or their implementation. The department may require additional drills and changes in arrangements for implementing approved plans which are necessary to ensure their effective implementation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6245 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Pflug, Parlette, Shin, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Lieutenant Governor

Raising funds for hosting a national conference of statewide elected officials.

Finds that due to the massive devastation inflicted on the city of New Orleans by hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, the city of New Orleans will not be able to meet its obligation to host the national lieutenant governors' association's annual conference scheduled for July 17 through July 19, 2006.

Finds that, in recognition of the unprecedented situation created by this natural disaster, the high national visibility of this important event, and due to the limited amount of time remaining for planning and fund-raising, it is necessary to initiate fund-raising activities for this national conference as soon as possible and with the assurance that all statewide elected officials, legislators, and authorized executive and legislative staff are allowed to solicit the necessary donations to effectively host this event.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6246 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Eide, Pflug, and Shin; by request of Lieutenant Governor

Outlining the duties of the lieutenant governor.

Finds that as the duties and responsibilities of the office of lieutenant governor have continued to incrementally increase, they have been distributed among various noncorresponding chapters in statute.

Finds that by consolidating the duties and responsibilities of the office of lieutenant governor under

one chapter it keeps our statutes consistent among the different statewide elected offices and greater facilitates the understanding of the role of the office of lieutenant governor and its many statutorily defined duties and responsibilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6247 by Senators Haugen and Benson

Providing uniform administration of locally imposed motor vehicle excise taxes.

Provides that, for the purpose of determining any locally imposed motor vehicle excise tax, the value of a truck-type power or trailing unit shall be the latest purchase price of the vehicle, excluding applicable federal excise taxes, state and local sales or use taxes, transportation or shipping costs, or preparatory or delivery costs, multiplied by the following percentage based on year of service of the vehicle since last sale. The latest purchase year shall be considered the first year of service.

Provides that, before a local government subject to chapter 82.44 RCW may impose a motor vehicle excise tax, the local government must contract with the department for the collection of the tax. The department may charge a reasonable amount, not to exceed one percent of tax collections, for the administration and collection of the tax.

Repeals provisions of chapter 82.44 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6248 by Senators Haugen, Benson, Shin, and Sheldon

Requiring the department of transportation to reimburse drainage and diking districts for maintenance and repairs to drainage facilities if the department does not respond to written notice by the districts.

Provides that, if the commissioners of any drainage or diking district determine that repair or maintenance is required on any drainage facilities, including dikes and dams, ditches, and drains and outlets, that are on land owned by or under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation, they may give notice in writing to the department requesting that the department make the necessary repair or maintenance pursuant to the department's obligations under RCW 47.01.260.

Provides that, if the specified repair or maintenance is not conducted by the department within seven days upon receipt of the notice, the district commissioners may independently make the repair or maintenance. The department shall then reimburse the district for all reasonable costs incurred by the district associated with the repair or maintenance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6249 by Senators Doumit, Morton, and Parlette

Modifying the property taxation of forest and timber lands. Revises the property taxation of forest and timber lands.

Repeals RCW 84.33.077, 84.34.041, and 84.34.131.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6250 by Senators Morton, Mulliken, and Oke

Modifying utility tax provisions.

Finds: (1) When retail energy prices rise, the amount of taxes paid by consumers also increase, because state and local public utility taxes are presently levied as a fixed percentage of revenue derived by electric and natural gas utilities from retail energy sales;

(2) Increased energy costs can have an adverse impact on the economy of the state of Washington and this impact is compounded by attendant increases in the amount of taxes that must be paid on energy purchases;

(3) Volatility in wholesale energy prices has become more common, compared to historical wholesale market behavior, and changes in wholesale prices ultimately translate into higher retail energy prices; and

(4) Further increases in wholesale and retail energy prices appear imminent.

Declares that the rate of state and local public utility taxes and the corresponding rate of use taxes on natural gas purchases should be indexed to the cost of energy for residential consumers, providing that tax rates should be adjusted downward when energy prices rise and upward when energy prices fall, except that tax rates should be capped at the rate currently provided under law so that consumers would never pay a higher tax rate than they do at present.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6251 by Senators Morton and Schoesler

Providing an exception to the unattended motor vehicle law for motor vehicles in eastern Washington.

Provides an exception to the unattended motor vehicle law for motor vehicles in eastern Washington.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6252 by Senators Morton and Schoesler

Creating a temporary permit for the sale of one thousand or fewer rabbits.

Creates a temporary permit for the sale of one thousand or fewer rabbits.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6253 by Senator Jacobsen

Regarding institutional chaplains.

Provides that the secretary of corrections shall appoint full-time and part-time chaplains for the state correctional institutions as is necessary to meet the religious needs for convicted felons, and for other custodial and correctional institutions under his or her control.

Provides that the department of corrections and the department of social and health services shall require

chaplains appointed under this act to participate in training to the extent the training is necessary and appropriate to enable the chaplain to fulfill his or her duties as a chaplain.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6254 by Senator Eide

Reporting motor vehicle violations by diplomats.

Establishes reporting requirements for motor vehicle violations by diplomats.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6255 by Senators Eide and McAuliffe

Improving student performance through student-centered planning.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall develop and disseminate a comprehensive student-centered planning program to all districts by August 2006. The superintendent of public instruction shall provide professional development for staff and ongoing technical assistance to schools that implement the program.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate grants to selected schools for the purpose of implementing the student-centered planning program established under this act.

Requires that, by January 1, 2009, the superintendent of public instruction shall report to appropriate committees of the legislature regarding the impact of the student-centered planning program on student performance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6256 by Senators Eide, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles

Creating the Washington community learning center program.

Finds that good after-school programs and activities provide safe and effective learning environments for children, including children who might otherwise be alone and unsupervised after school. These programs not only support children's academic efforts, they also build community partnerships that support children and their learning.

Finds that, at the request of the legislature, the Washington after-school network has prepared a statewide after-school plan that would help the state make strategic investments in programs and activities that support children academically while keeping them safe and well-supervised. Therefore, the legislature intends to implement the plan by expanding high quality after-school programs, supporting professional development for after-school program staff, increasing public awareness of program benefits, and supporting the after-school organizational infrastructure to ensure economies of scale in support of after-school programs.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary,

for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the office of the superintendent of public instruction to carry out the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6257 by Senator Delvin

Exempting guest services or crowd management employees from the requirements of chapter 18.170 RCW.

Exempts guest services or crowd management employees from the requirements of chapter 18.170 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6258 by Senator Delvin

Regarding possession of weapons or medical equipment on school facilities.

Amends RCW 9.41.280 relating to possession of weapons or medical equipment, devices, or paraphernalia on school facilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6259 by Senators Delvin and McAuliffe

Regarding assaults on school personnel.

Pertains to someone who assaults an employee, director, officer, agent, contracted service provider, or volunteer of any public or private school or public school district who is performing his or her duties or participating in a school-sponsored activity at the time of the assault, or where the assault of the employee, director, officer, agent, contracted service provider, or volunteer is reasonably related to such duties or participation in a school-sponsored activity.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6260 by Senator Delvin

Exempting certain alarm system company records provided to law enforcement agencies from public inspection.

Exempts certain alarm system company records provided to law enforcement agencies from public inspection.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6261 by Senators Delvin and Mulliken

Concerning small business and entrepreneurial development.

Amends RCW 28B.20.297 relating to small business and entrepreneurial development.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to International Trade & Economic Development.

SB 6262 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Honeyford, Keiser, Prentice, and Kline; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Establishing a pilot program to allow employers to assist employees in completing applications for industrial insurance benefits.

Provides that, by January 1, 2007, the department shall develop and begin a pilot program to allow employers to assist workers in completing an application for benefits. This pilot program does not replace the current method for reporting through the physician. The pilot program shall include the voluntary participation of employers that represent a cross-section of industries, geographic areas, union and nonunion workers, and other criteria established by the department with input of business and labor leaders. During the pilot period, the department shall continue to expand the participation of employers and shall consider steps to address the unique needs and issues of small employers. The pilot program expires July 1, 2009.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6263 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, and Keiser; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Authorizing the department to request and superior court to grant warrants pursuant to chapter 49.17 RCW.

Declares an intent that inspections performed under the Washington industrial safety and health act ensure safe and healthful working conditions for every person working in the state of Washington. Inspections must follow the mandates of Article II, section 35 of the state Constitution, and equal or exceed the requirements prescribed by the occupational safety and health act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596, 84 Stat. 1590). The legislature also intends that the inspections comply with the fourth and fourteenth amendments to the United States Constitution and Article I, section 7 of the state Constitution.

Declares that, except as otherwise provided in this act, the director or his or her authorized representative shall obtain consent from the owner, manager, operator, or his or her on-site person in charge of the worksite when entering any worksite located on private property to carry out his or her duties under chapter 49.17 RCW. The director or his or her authorized representative shall enter a worksite at a reasonably recognizable entry point to request the consent described in this act.

Does not prohibit the director or his or her authorized representative from making observations of evidence in open view or from taking action consistent with a recognized exception to the warrant requirements of the federal and state Constitutions.

Does not require advance notice of an inspection.

Provides that, if the director or his or her authorized representative is denied or reasonably believes that he or she will be denied access to any factory, plant, establishment, construction site, or other area, workplace, or environment where work is performed by an employee of an employer, to which such access was sought for the purposes set forth in this act, the director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for a search warrant authorizing access to the facility. The court may upon such

application issue a search warrant for the purpose requested.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor,
Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6264 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Honeyford, Keiser, Prentice, Kline, McAuliffe, and Roach; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Allowing an injured worker to change total permanent disability pension options under certain circumstances.

Provides that, if the worker's nominated beneficiary is the worker's spouse, and the worker and spouse enter into a dissolution of marriage after the nomination has been made, the worker may apply to receive benefits as calculated under Option I. This change is effective the date of the decree of dissolution of marriage, but no more than one year prior to the date application for the change is received in the department, provided the worker submits legally certified documentation of the decree of dissolution of marriage.

Provides that, if the worker's nominated beneficiary dies, the worker may apply to receive benefits as calculated under Option I. This change is effective the date of death, but no more than one year prior to the date application for the change is received in the department, provided the worker submits a certified copy of the death certificate.

Declares that the change in benefits authorized by this act is a one-time adjustment and will be permanent for the life of the worker.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor,
Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6265 by Senators Jacobsen, Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles, and Oke

Concerning the rescue of pets by emergency workers.

Declares it is the policy of the state of Washington that in the event of an emergency or disaster, and for the purposes of search and rescue activities, an emergency worker shall make every practicable attempt under the circumstances, when engaged in emergency management activities, to rescue a victim's pet animal.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government
Operations & Elections.

SB 6266 by Senator Kastama

Providing for county and city participation in the rule-making process.

Provides that, when the interests of a county or city are or could reasonably be affected by a subject of rule making, the agency shall invite all affected counties and cities to participate in a pilot rule project. If any affected county or city accepts the invitation to participate, then the agency and the participating counties and cities shall jointly develop a pilot rule project.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government
Operations & Elections.

SB 6267 by Senator Kastama

Requiring information regarding certain public facilities and services to be made available.

Provides that, for all lands designated for residential use, the land use element shall include the response time for law enforcement services and the existing levels of service for public school facilities.

Declares that the notice regarding public facilities and services under RCW 64.06.020 is not a warranty of any kind by the seller or any agent representing any principal. The information provided in the notice is not part of any contract between the buyer and seller.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government
Operations & Elections.

SB 6268 by Senators Kastama, Pridemore, and Kline

Addressing transportation concurrency under the growth management act.

Amends RCW 36.70A.020 and 36.70A.070 relating to transportation concurrency under the growth management act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government
Operations & Elections.

SB 6269 by Senators Kastama, Pridemore, and Kline

Creating a public school facilities element under the growth management act.

Requires a public school facilities element to implement in respect to public school facilities the goal established in RCW 36.70A.020(12). As provided in this provision, a county or city shall, in conjunction with each school district within whose boundaries any part of the county or city is located, establish level of service standards for public school facilities that serve the residential uses in the land use element and provide that the level of service standards will be achieved and maintained.

Provides that, to implement the public school facilities element, a county or city shall enter into an interlocal agreement with the board of directors of each school district within whose boundaries any part of the county or city is located to establish jointly the specific ways in which the plans and processes of the county or city and the school district are to be coordinated. The county and cities and the school district board of directors in each school district are encouraged to adopt a single interlocal agreement to which all join as parties.

Requires the public school facilities element to demonstrate that the comprehensive plan and development regulations necessary to implement the comprehensive plan provide that permanent public school facility space to serve enrollment generated by residential development at the adopted level of service will be located proximate to the development and will be in place at the time that the enrollment is projected.

Requires that the public school facilities element required in this act, including the interlocal agreement and any development regulations that implement the element, must be adopted no later than December 1, 2008, and submitted to the department for review according to the schedule adopted by the department.

Provides that, no later than December 1, 2008, the board of directors of each school district within whose boundaries is located any part of a county or city that is required or chooses to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall enter into an interlocal agreement with that county or city to establish jointly the specific ways in which the plans and processes of the county or city and the school district are to be coordinated. The school district board of directors and the county and cities in each school district are encouraged to adopt a single interlocal agreement to which all join as parties.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6270 by Senator Kastama

Encouraging shared parental responsibility in child custody arrangements.

Encourages shared parental responsibility in child custody arrangements.

Provides that a municipality, a county, a corporation organized exclusively for the resolution of family disputes, or a dispute resolution center created pursuant to this chapter may apply to the administrative office of the courts for participation in a family dispute resolution pilot project. The administrative office of the courts shall select a maximum of two urban and two rural counties to participate in the family dispute resolution center pilot projects.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6271 by Senators Kastama, Kline, McAuliffe, and Roach

Creating a zero interest loan program for higher education.

Directs the board to design the Washington zero interest loan program based on the following parameters: (1)(a) Loans shall be made to students graduating from public and approved private high schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW, students participating in home-based instruction as provided in chapter 28A.200 RCW, and persons twenty-one years of age or younger receiving a GED certificate, who meet the financial eligibility criteria in this section; (b) to meet the financial eligibility criteria, a student's family income shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent of the state median family income adjusted for family size, as determined by the board for each graduating class. Students not meeting the eligibility requirements for the first year of the loan may reapply for a second year, but must still meet the income standard set by the board for the student's graduating class.

(2) Zero interest loans are not intended to supplant any grant, scholarship, or tax program related to postsecondary education.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6272 by Senators Kastama, Kline, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles

Providing zero interest loans to assist teachers in obtaining national board certification.

Provides zero interest loans to assist teachers in obtaining national board certification.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6273 by Senators Jacobsen, Thibaudeau, and Kohl-Welles

Concerning the protection, management, and conservation of the state's natural resources.

Finds that the state of Washington has an affirmative duty to protect, manage, and conserve public natural resources such as the state's animal and plant life, and must take this public trust into account when making decisions with respect to natural resource-related policies and actions.

Finds that while the state's general obligation is to act for the benefit of the public, the state's most fundamental specific obligation is to act as a trustee for all public natural resources. The principles cited in this act must be supported by every level of government and may not be abridged by any governmental action.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6274 by Senator Jacobsen

Creating the independent forest and fish science panel.

Declares that the purpose of the independent forest and fish science panel is to provide advice to the commissioner with respect to the adaptive management program created under this act and rules implementing this act. The commissioner may consult with the panel and ask the panel to review information produced by the adaptive management program. The panel must be governed by generally accepted guidelines and practices governing activities of independent science boards such as the national academy of sciences. The panel must help ensure that sound science is used in the adaptive management program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6275 by Senator Jacobsen

Revising the composition of the forest practices board.

Revises the composition of the forest practices board.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6276 by Senator Jacobsen

Protecting areas of scenic beauty.

Provides that, by June 30, 2007, the board shall identify and map areas that merit increased scenic protection based

on their importance to Washington's tourist and recreational economy. These locations include, but are not necessarily limited to, topographically visible areas within a five-mile distance of state and federally designated scenic highways and byways, scenic waterways, and major recreation trails. The board shall coordinate with the department of fish and wildlife, the department of community, trade, and economic development, the department of transportation, counties, and the public in identifying, evaluating, and selecting appropriate areas.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6277 by Senators Jacobsen, Haugen, and Shin

Designating the Garry Oak as the state oak tree.
Designates the Garry Oak as the state oak tree.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6278 by Senators Deccio and Keiser

Licensing specialty hospitals.

Finds that specialty hospitals jeopardize the financial balance of community hospitals by selectively providing care to less ill patients, treating fewer medicare, medicaid, and uninsured patients, providing primarily care that is profitable to investors, and reducing community hospital staffing.

Declares that, to assure that private and public hospitals in Washington remain financially viable institutions able to provide general acute care in their communities and maintain the capacity to respond to local, state, and national emergencies, the legislature has concluded that specialty hospitals must meet certain conditions in order to be licensed. These conditions will ensure that specialty hospitals and community hospitals compete on a level playing field and, therefore, will minimize the adverse impacts of specialty hospitals on community general hospitals while assuring quality patient care.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6279 by Senators Regala and McAuliffe

Requiring posting of staff levels at nursing homes.

Requires each nursing home to compile and post in a visible and accessible location of the residential area information about the number and type of credentialed health care providers who are directly responsible for resident care during each shift.

Requires each nursing home to compile the monthly averages of the information listed in this act by shift and report it to the department every year at a time and manner prescribed by the department. In addition, the nursing home shall provide a copy of the report to any member of the public upon request.

Directs the department to compile an annual report of the reports that it receives from each nursing home and make the information available to the public.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6280 by Senator Regala

Removing the irrevocable dedication requirement for exemption from property taxes for nonprofit entities.

Deletes the irrevocable dedication requirement for exemption from property taxes for nonprofit entities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6281 by Senators Jacobsen, Esser, Kline, Pflug, and Roach

Funding mountains to Sound greenway outdoor recreation projects.

Makes appropriations to fund mountains to Sound greenway outdoor recreation projects.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6282 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Esser, and Jacobsen

Exempting nonprofit organizations organized for zoological purposes from certain excise taxes.

Exempts nonprofit organizations organized for zoological purposes from certain excise taxes.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6283 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Shin, Swecker, Franklin, Schmidt, Oke, Rasmussen, and Mulliken

Revising veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

Amends RCW 41.04.010 relating to veterans' scoring criteria in examinations.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6284 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Shin, Swecker, Franklin, Schmidt, Oke, Rasmussen, and Mulliken

Concerning the definition of veteran.

Amends RCW 41.04.007 relating to the definition of veteran.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6285 by Senators Eide, Poulsen, Morton, Rockefeller, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Brown, Haugen, Berkey, Keiser, Prentice, Fairley, Kastama, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Thibaudeau, Spanel,

Regala, Kline, Shin, Sheldon, Mulliken, Franklin, Roach, and Oke; by request of Governor Gregoire

Funding low-income home energy assistance.

Provides funding for low-income home energy assistance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6286 by Senator Fairley

Allowing an individual to obtain an identicard while holding a valid state driver's license.

Allows an individual to obtain an identicard while holding a valid state driver's license.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6287 by Senators Fairley, Thibaudeau, and Shin

Authorizing special parking privileges for the legally blind. Authorizes special parking privileges for the legally blind.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6288 by Senator Sheldon

Authorizing tuition waivers for employees of political subdivisions.

Authorizes tuition waivers for employees of political subdivisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6289 by Senators Sheldon, Doumit, Fraser, Shin, Thibaudeau, Hargrove, Mulliken, and Kohl-Welles

Requiring state agencies to allow volunteer fire fighters to respond when called to duty.

Provides that an agency must allow an employee who is a volunteer fire fighter to respond to a fire or natural disaster when called to duty. The agency shall continue to pay the employee's salary, without loss of seniority, benefits, annual leave, or sick leave.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6290 by Senators Sheldon, Kline, Fraser, Shin, Doumit, and Hargrove

Requiring state agencies to allow volunteer fire fighters to respond when called to duty.

Provides that an agency must allow an employee who is a volunteer fire fighter to respond, without pay, to a fire or natural disaster when called to duty. The agency may choose to grant leave with pay.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6291 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, and Keiser

Modifying provisions for cosmetology licensing exemptions.

Declares that RCW 18.16.060 does not apply to persons engaging in the practice of cosmetology for the sole purpose of preparing any individual for a professional photograph, or a theatrical, musical, film, video, or television performance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6292 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Keiser, Thibaudeau, Kline, McAuliffe, and Mulliken

Providing an exemption from unemployment compensation contributions for certain small performing arts industries.

Declares that remuneration also does not include any stipend of less than six hundred dollars a year provided to a person involved in performances sponsored by a business whose North American industry classification code is within "711110," "711120," "711130," or "712110" and which business employs no more than three staff paid for their services performed in a calendar year.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6293 by Senators Pflug, Benton, Shin, Schoesler, Benson, Schmidt, Delvin, Mulliken, Johnson, Stevens, Honeyford, Parlette, and Roach

Authorizing employer tax incentives for the employment of students in math and science programs.

Authorizes employer tax incentives for the employment of students in math and science programs.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to International Trade & Economic Development.

SB 6294 by Senators Pflug, Mulliken, Benton, Hewitt, Schoesler, Stevens, Delvin, Schmidt, Johnson, Carrell, Parlette, and Honeyford

Stabilizing distributions to the education legacy trust account.

Stabilizes distributions to the education legacy trust account.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6295 by Senators Delvin, Pflug, Schoesler, Mulliken, Zarelli, Carrell, Schmidt, Morton, Deccio, Hewitt, Honeyford, and Sheldon

Modifying permissible weaponry for on-duty law enforcement officers.

Declares that RCW 9.41.250 does not apply to any law enforcement officer who, in the discharge of official duty, carries a spring blade knife.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- SB 6296** by Senators Delvin, Benton, Pflug, Mulliken, Deccio, Stevens, Carrell, and Honeyford
 Providing licensing requirements for alarm system companies.
 Designates licensing requirements for alarm system companies.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- SB 6297** by Senators Mulliken, Benton, Oke, Pflug, Schoesler, Schmidt, Delvin, Esser, Honeyford, and Parlette
 Changing budget allocations for school district diesel fuel.
 Revises budget allocations for school district diesel fuel.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6298** by Senators Mulliken, Benton, Oke, Deccio, Benson, Carrell, Pflug, Schmidt, Schoesler, Esser, Honeyford, and Parlette
 Providing tax incentives to promote the use of renewable fuels.
 Provides that, in order to promote the use of renewable fuels in Washington it is the intent of the legislature that part and service modifications necessary to allow motor vehicles to use high concentrations of biodiesel fuel or ethanol fuel should not be subject to sales and use tax.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.
- SB 6299** by Senators Mulliken, Schoesler, Morton, Benton, Benson, Delvin, Schmidt, Carrell, Deccio, and Honeyford
 Concerning the annual consumptive quantity of a water right.
 Declares that the annual consumptive quantity of a water right may not be deemed to be less than the actual peak historic use of a water right, even if the right is not being fully exercised at the time of change or transfer, if:
 (1) The reduced use is due to cropping patterns or system efficiencies;
 (2) The water right holder intends to fully exercise the right; and
 (3) The water right holder has the ability to make beneficial use of the full right.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.
- SB 6300** by Senators Benson, Benton, Pflug, Johnson, Schmidt, Carrell, Esser, Mulliken, Roach, Stevens, and Honeyford
 Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain medical equipment.
 Provides a sales and use tax exemption for certain medical equipment.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6301** by Senators Prentice, Deccio, Fairley, Delvin, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Rockefeller, Keiser, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Franklin, Zarelli, Thibaudeau, Parlette, Spanel, Honeyford, Regala, Carrell, Oke, and Shin
 Concerning off-reservation tribal gaming.
 Provides that, unless authorized by: (1) The affirmative vote of sixty percent of the members of each house of the legislature; or
 (2) A compact in effect before the effective date of this act; no compact entered into or amended after the effective date of this act shall authorize or propose to authorize class III gaming on lands acquired by the United States in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe after October 17, 1988.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- SB 6302** by Senators Berkey, Jacobsen, Haugen, Fairley, Shin, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Pridemore, Poulsen, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen, Franklin, and Keiser
 Concerning parking fees at state parks.
 Provides that the commission may not charge a fee for the first two hours of parking in a state park.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6303** by Senators Berkey and Thibaudeau
 Regulating security freezes for victims of identity theft.
 Amends RCW 19.182.170 regulating security freezes for victims of identity theft.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.
- SB 6304** by Senators Rasmussen and Jacobsen
 Changing special assessment provisions for conservation districts.
 Revises special assessment provisions for conservation districts.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6305 by Senators Keiser, Prentice, Johnson, and Kohl-Welles

Including financial literacy in work activity provisions.

Finds that for a variety of reasons, many citizens may lack the basic financial knowledge necessary to spend their money wisely, save for the future, and manage money challenges, such as a job loss, financing a college education, or a catastrophic injury.

Finds that financial literacy is an essential element in achieving financial stability and self-sufficiency.

Declares an intent to encourage participation in financial literacy training by WorkFirst participants, in order to promote their ability to make financial decisions that will contribute to their long-term financial well-being.

Requires the department to consider the options for financial literacy training available in the community, including information and resources available through the financial literacy public-private partnership created under RCW 28A.300.450, and may authorize up to ten hours of financial literacy training as a core activity or an optional activity under WorkFirst.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6306 by Senators Keiser, Deccio, Kastama, Poulsen, Parlette, Franklin, Thibaudeau, Kline, and McAuliffe; by request of Governor Gregoire

Establishing a health technology assessment program.

Declares an intent to support the establishment by the state of an evidence-based health technology assessment program that: (1) Conducts systematic reviews of scientific and medical literature to identify safe, efficacious, and cost-effective treatments;

(2) Provides for the establishment of a statewide health technology clinical advisory committee;

(3) Provides for the establishment of an evidence-based health technology assessment center;

(4) Develops methods and processes to track health outcomes across state agencies; and

(5) Provides clear and transparent access to the scientific basis of coverage decisions and treatment guidelines developed under this program.

Establishes an evidence-based health technology assessment center to: (1) Conduct systematic reviews of the scientific literature regarding safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness; and

(2) Assess the adequacy and quality of systematic reviews undertaken by other national or internationally recognized health technology assessment programs using systematic review methods substantially similar to those developed by the health technology assessment program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6307 by Senators Keiser, Kastama, Franklin, Parlette, Thibaudeau, Kline, and McAuliffe; by request of Governor Gregoire

Adopting health information technology to improve quality of care.

Recognizes that improvements in the quality of health care lead to better health care outcomes for the residents of Washington state and contain health care costs. The improvements are facilitated by the adoption of electronic medical records and other health information technologies.

Declares an intent to encourage all hospitals in the state of Washington to adopt health information technologies by the year 2012.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8218 by Senator Sheldon

Setting base years for property tax valuation.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to set base years for property tax valuation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SJR 8219 by Senators Delvin, Benton, and Stevens

Amending the Constitution to improve predictability and stability in the assessment of real property values.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to improve predictability and stability in the assessment of real property values.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.